



## **Gulf of Mexico Alliance**

This multistate approach is also being used by the Gulf of Mexico Alliance which was recently formed as a response to the 2004 U.S. Ocean Action Plan. In the U.S. Ocean Action Plan, the Gulf of Mexico got more attention and recognition than in any previous government report and the GOMA was formed by the Gulf State Governors to take advantage of this attention given to the Gulf. The five Gulf States completed and released a “Governor’s Action Plan for Healthy and Resilient Coasts” in 2006 and an “Action Plan II” in 2009. Among the major topic areas being address by the GOMA are water quality for healthy beaches and shellfish beds which address harmful algal blooms, coastal habitat conservation and restoration, ecosystem integration and assessment, reducing nutrient inputs, coastal resilience, and environmental education. For more information on the Gulf of Mexico Alliance go to: [www.gulfofmexicoalliance.org](http://www.gulfofmexicoalliance.org).